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SUBJECT: FRICTION BETWEEN CGT AND 62 ORGANIZATION

SUMMARY. CGT SEC GEN RUCCI'S AGGRESSIVE UTILIZATION OF CGT TO PROMOTE PERON PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY HAS CREATED FRICTION BETWEEN CGT AND PERONIST LABOR ARM, 62 ORGANIZATION. BOTH RUCCI AND LORENZO MIGUEL ARE JOCKEYING FOR SUPPORT. POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT ONE OR OTHER WILL BE REPLACED IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE. END SUMMARY. NO ACTION REQUIRED

1. INDICATIONS OF FRICTION BETWEEN LEADERSHIP OF CGT AND PERONIST 62 ORGANIZATION HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY EVIDENT DURING PAST TWO WEEKS. DESPITE DENIALS BY CGT SEC GEN RUCCI AND 62 ORGANIZATION HEAD MIGUEL OF ANY DISSENSIONS, IT IS EVIDENT THAT DISCORD BETWEEN MIGUEL AND HIS DISCIPLE RUCCI ARE BECOMING SERIOUS TO THE POINT THAT ONE OR THE OTHER MAY BE REPLACED SHORTLY AFTER, IF NOT BEFORE, THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

2. THE PRESENT DISCORD APPEARS TO HAVE ARISEN FROM RUCCI'S AGGRESSIVE

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PROMOTION OF PERON'S CANDIDACY AND HIS UTILIZATION OF THE CGT AS THE

VEHICLE FOR LABOR SUPPORT FOR PERON. RUCCI HAS DEFENDED HIS USE OF THE CGT FOR THE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN ON GROUNDS THAT "ALL CGT DIRECTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE PERONISTS" AND CGT AND 62 ORGANIZATION ARE "ONE AND THE SAME". ACCORDINGLY, THE 62 ORGANIZATION WHICH IS THE RECOGNIZED LABOR ARM OF PERONISM, HAS BEEN FORCED INTO A SUBORDINATE ROLE IN PRESENT CAMPAIGN. ON THE PUBLIC LEVEL AT LEAST RUCCI APPEARS TO HAVE REPLACED MIGUEL AS THE CHIEF PERONIST LABOR LEADER.

3. DISSENSION HAS REACHED THE POINT THAT 62 ORGANIZATION OFFICERS BOYCOTTED A RECENT CGT MEETING ON LABOR PARTICIPATION IN THE FORTH-COMING ELECTION. ALSO, IN AN AUG 19 LUNCHEON HONORING MIGUEL, ATTENDED BY MINLABOR OTERO AND SECRETARIES GENERAL OF ALL MEMBER UNIONS OF THE 62 ORGANIZATION, FELLOW METAL WORKERS UNION (UOM) MEMBER RUCCI WAS NOTABLE FOR HIS ABSENCE.

4. EMBASSY LABOR SOURCES HAVE BEEN HESITANT TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM, BUT HAVE INDICATED THAT BOTH MIGUEL AND RUCCI ARE JOCKEYING FOR SUPPORT. ONE CGT OFFICIAL TOLD LABATT THAT BASIC PROBLEM LIES IN THE DIFFERING PERSONALITIES OF THE TWO, WHICH ARE EXPRESSED IN THE WAY THEY VIEW THEIR ROLES IN THE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN. HE INSISTED THAT RUCCI IS NOT ATTEMPTING TO REPLACE MIGUEL AS THE TOP LABOR LEADER, AND THAT RUCCI HAS NO AMBITIONS WHATSOEVER BEYOND REMAINING CGT SECRETARY GENERAL. WHETHER THAT OPINION IS DEFINITIVE OR NOT, IT DOES PROVIDE SOME INSIGHT INTO THE DISPUTE. RUCCI IS HIGHLY AGGRESSIVE AND IMPATIENT WITH DISSIDENTS AND NON-PERONISTS, WHILE MIGUEL IS MORE TOLERANT, SEEKS COMPROMISE BETWEEN DISSIDENT FACTIONS AND ACCEPTS LEGITIMATE ROLE FOR NON-PERONIST LABOR LEADERS. WHETHER THE PRESENT FRICTION WILL PRODUCE AN OPEN SPLIT IS STILL UNCERTAIN. ALTHOUGH A RATIONAL EVALUATION OF THEIR RESPECTIVE LABOR STRENGTH WOULD FAVOR MIGUEL TO COME OUT ON TOP IF IT DOES OCCUR, IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS PERON ALONE WILL CHOOSE THE VICTOR. AS IN MOST MATTERS, PERON IS KEEPING HIS OWN COUNSEL AND HAS GIVEN NO INDICATION OF WHOM HE FAVORS.

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